

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-4 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, the features of claim 5 have been incorporated into claim 1 and claim 5 has been cancelled.

Applicant appreciates the indication of allowable subject matter in claim 5 in the November 13, 2003 Final Office Action. By this Amendment, the allowable features of claim 5 have been incorporated into claim 1.

The rejection of claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,452,386 to van Woesik in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,174,091 to Herrmann has been rendered moot.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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